Nuggets of News

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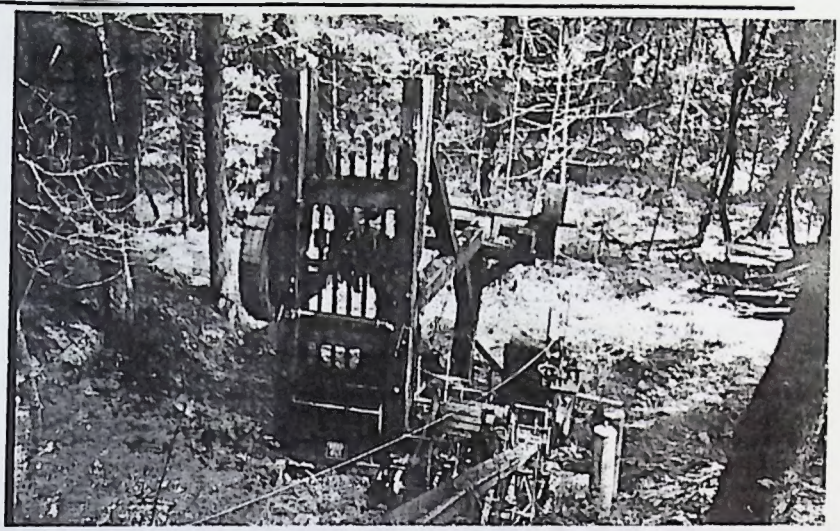
LOOK WHAT'S NEW!

If you notice a large metal tub in our front yard, its not a washing machine for laundry. It's our most recently acquired piece of mining machinery known as, a (chile mill) or sometimes called a "arrastra" for crushing ore as it comes from the mine. Donated to us by Mary Rue of White City, it originally crushed ore in the early part of the century at the Brush Creek Mine near Downieville, CA. Mary also donated some gold bearing quartz ore which is on display in our museum along with a nugget from the Gold Hill "pocket" donated by Hortense Mayer Thompson.

The accompanying picture is of a 5 stamp, stamp mill, which if all goes as planned, will be our next aquisition along with a ball mill. If anyone feels like spending a day or two helping dis-assembling and re-assembling this mill, give us a call at the museum. This mill crushed the ore from which the gold was extracted, a portion of which built our Beeman/ Martin House Museum.



5 STAMP STAMP MILL

CHILE MILL (ARRASTRA)

WANT TO JOIN THE WAGON TRAIN
HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!

JACKSON COUNTY
APPLEGATE TRAIL
COMMITTEE

On to Oregon, pioneers!

Wagon train will mark Applegate Trail anniversary

By PAUL FATTIG
of the Mail Tribune

Wanted: Hardy men and women with sturdy wagons ready to roll west along 1,000 miles of rugged trail.

A wagon train is being organized by a group of history buffs to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the opening of the historic Applegate Trail by re-enacting the first trip in 1846.

But only experienced people will be accepted for this fall's trip from Winnemucca, Nev., to Independence, north of Corvallis, by the nonprofit Applegate Trail Southern Route Sesquicentennial Wagon Train corporation.

"We are only going to allow folks who are competent in handling horses and people and who know the history of the trail," said organizer Linda Beauchamp, who also is director of the Grants Pass Visitors and Convention Center.

"There will be times when there isn't a lot of water, when we won't be able to bathe for three to eight days," she added. "There will be places like the Jenny Creek slide (east of Ashland) where the wagons will be lowered down the hillside by ropes."

Beauchamp is vice president of the group and Klamath Falls resident Carney Pope is president. Journalist Tam Moore of Medford is secretary.

Although only a few people, roughly 50, will be allowed in the wagon train, others can support the effort by purchasing individual memberships. An adult membership costs $10; a student membership, $2.

The group hopes to raise about $150,000 to support the 47-day event, which begins Sept. 1 in Winnemucca and ends Oct. 21 in Independence.

"Costs have gone up since 1846," Beauchamp noted.

For applications or memberships, write Moore at Wagon Train Secretary, 186 White Oak Road, Medford, OR 97504.

Beauchamp and Pope grew interested in re-creating the Applegate Trail wagon train after joining portions of the Oregon Trail sesquicentennial train in 1993.

"It is truly a dangerous and difficult trip," said Pope, who has an 1850 diary of his great-great-grandfather on the California trail. "The skill levels have to be up."

"We want to try to re-enact the first passage on the trail," Beauchamp added. "And we're going to make it as authentic as we can. There will be very few, if any, support vehicles. We will all dress in authentic costumes and try to live the way they did."

The wagon train is expected to arrive at the Box R Ranch in Greens Springs on Sept. 30 which will be followed by a "change of command" ceremony Oct. 2 at the Jackson County Expo Park in Central Point.

Eastern Oregon rancher Mike Hanley will be wagon master on the first leg of the trip while Jack Gundlach, an experienced teamster, will serve as wagon master from Green Springs to Independence.

Community celebrations are expected en route. The Southern Oregon Historical Society also plans a large exhibit to celebrate the trail's 150th anniversary.

The Mail Tribune, Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1996

Sign Me Up for the Trail !

Name_____

Address_____ (Phone) _____

(includes casual passage with train, the Newsletter, and an official memento of the 150th anniversary re-enactment)

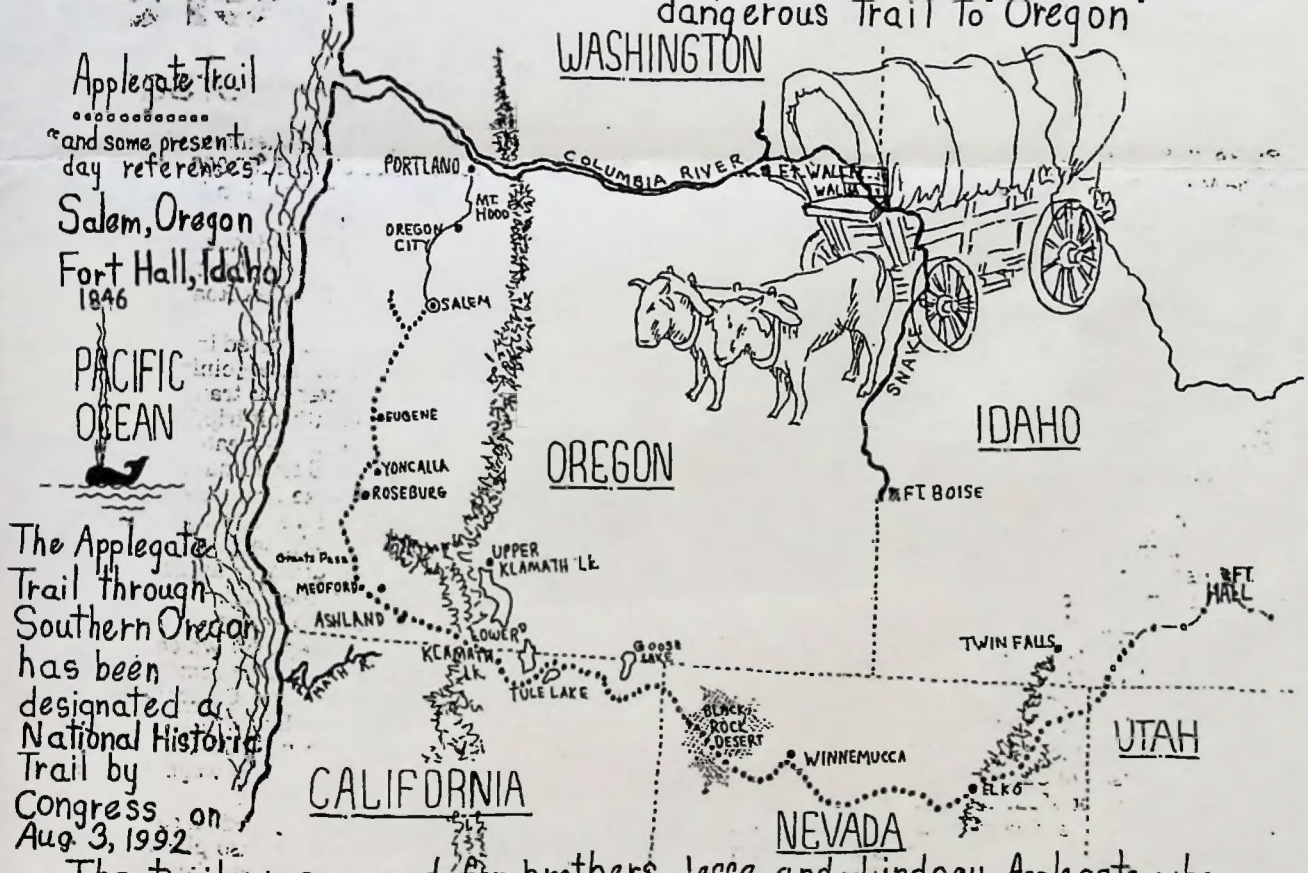
Return with $10 donation to: Secretary, Wagon Train, 186 White Oak Rd., Medford, OR 97504-7734

Check Box if you are interested in:

Entering a Unit of wagons or riders in all or part of the trip	*Yes, we want to travel from* _____ *to* _____
Becoming an individual participant traveling with the train	*Yes, I want to ride (or walk) from* _____ *to* _____

Applegate Trail Southern Route Sesquicentennial Wagon Train, an Oregon Nonprofit Corporation, 2795 Anderson #20 Klamath Falls OR 97603 Phone (541) 884-0566

The Applegate Trail had the reputation of being the single-most dangerous trail to Oregon



The Applegate Trail through Southern Oregon has been designated a National Historic Trail by Congress on Aug. 3, 1992

The trail was named for brothers Jesse and Lindsay Applegate who helped open the alternative route after losing sons to drowning in the Columbia River

STUDENTS CAN SIGN UP FOR $2.00

YOU KNOW YOU'RE GROWING OLDER WHEN:

Everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt doesn't work.

The gleam in your eyes is from the sun HITTING your bifocals.

You feel like the day after, and there wasn't any night before.

Your little black book contains only names ending in M.D.

You get winded playing cribbage.

Your children begin to look middle aged.

You finally reach the top of the ladder, and find it is leaning against the wrong wall.

You join a health club and don't go.

You begin to outlive enthusiasm

You decide to procrastinate but never get around to it.

You're still casing women, but can't remember why.

Your mind makes contracts your body can't complete.

MESSAGE FROM PAST PRESIDENT

I think we are all ready for spring, after rain all winter. A get well message to all the members who couldn't hide from the flu and colds and also to those recouping from surgery and hospital stays. I'd like the thank you for all your support while I was in office. We came a long way together, and will continue. Was a lot of busy fun months, we still have a lot to do. Come and see your museum. We need you all.

Thank you again.

With Love,

Marge

Congratulations to our new officers.

President: Joyce Wayland
Vice Pres: Alyce Bottelson
Secretary: Kerrie Gomes
Treasure: Lyn Parker

The next meeting will be held April 17th so please join us and meet our new officers and show your support for the museum, and see all the new and exciing things being done.